*Directions: Use the quotes below to answer the following questions.*

John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States (1825-1829), wrote in 1811:

"The whole continent appears to be **destined...**to be peopled by one nation. The acquisition of a definite line of boundary to the [Pacific] forms a great epoch in our history."

In 1845, John O'Sullivan, a New Yorker and editor of the *United States Magazine and Democratic Review,* wrote:

"Away, away with all these cobweb tissues of rights of discovery, exploration, settlement, contiguity, etc. The American claim is by the right of our **manifest destiny** to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federative self-government entrusted to us. It is a right such as that of the tree to the space of air and earth suitable for the full expansion of its principle and **destiny** of growth. ...It is in our future far more than in the past history of Spanish exploration or French colonial rights, that our True Title is to be found."

Using these quotes as clues, think about what you think the words *manifest* and *destiny* mean.

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What do you think Adams and O'Sullivan were saying about the expansion of the United States to the Pacific Ocean?

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Did they agree or not? Why?

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Who do you agree with? Why?

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